

REMARKS

An Office Action was issued in the subject application on June 10, 2004. The Office Action recited the following rejections:

the specification was objected to;

claims 1–3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103; and

claims 4 and 5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Summarizing this Amendment, the specification has been amended, claims 1-3 have been canceled, and claims 4 and 5 have been amended. Claims 4 and 5 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the subject application as amended is respectfully requested.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Examiner is thanked for his careful review of the specification. The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the specification as amended is in condition for allowance.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

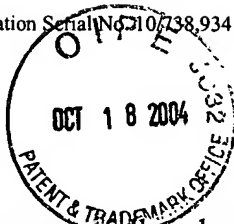
Claims 1–3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as for obvious in view of a combination of U.S. patents to Nan, Hartman, and Meeker.

Claims 1–3 have been canceled, rendering the rejections thereon moot.

ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

Claims 4 and 5 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claims but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form with the limitations of claim 2. Claim 5 depends from claim 4. It is respectfully submitted that claims 4 and 5 are in condition for allowance.



CLOSING REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application, including claims 4 and 5, is in condition for allowance. Confirmation of the allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any issues which remain, preventing the allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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